

MEETING MINUTES NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 DATE:
 11/21/2016
 TIME:
 10:00 AM
 LOCATION:
 Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center

 MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary Nick Tennyson (Chairman), Montell Irvin, Jim Walker, Robert Teer, Charles Travis, John Collett

MEMBERS PRESENT	John Collett
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE	Scott Aman, Perry Safran
MEMBERS NOT AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE	Jim Crawford

AGENDA TOPICS

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM ETHICS STATEMENT, APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES, AND OPENING COMMENTS - CHAIRMAN TENNYSON Chairman Tennyson recognized members of the board in attendance and those participating by phone. He called the meeting to order, took roll and declared a guorum. Chairman Tennyson read the ethics statement and asked members of the board to review, sign and return the ethics declaration form provided in their board books. Chairman Tennyson stated that the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Chairman Tennyson stated if there are no additions or corrections to the meeting minutes he would accept a motion to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes as provided. The motion was made by Mr. Robert Teer and seconded by Mayor Chuck Travis. The motion was carried unanimously. Chairman Tennyson spoke of the progress on I-77 and described how it qualifies as a Public Private Partnership (P3). He called attention to the awards presented to the North Carolina Turnpike from the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) that were **DISCUSSION SUMMARY** on display. He provided an update on the ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Matthew. He shared that approximately 200 roads are still impacted with 220 repairs needed. This is down from the initial 600 roads. It is anticipated that all repairs will be complete by April 2017. Chairman Tennyson added that US 701 bridge in Columbus should be completed tomorrow. Chairman Tennyson recognized the Global TransPark (GTP) as the headquarters for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an emergency deployment area for the eastern part of the state. NCDOT is involved in the effort to prevent people from buying flooded cars. Some employees of NCDOT were involved in life-saving efforts during the hurricane. I-95 was closed in Lumberton following the storm and was reopened in 4 days. Chairman Tennyson called on Executive Director Beau Memory to have the Turnpike staff introduce themselves.

	Chairman Tennyson invited Executive Director Beau Memory to provide the board details about the IBTTA awards. Mr. Memory shared that the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) submitted under the category of customer service, which was won. Additionally, President's Award was awarded to NCTA too. The video that was submitted for the award was shown to members of the board.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Chairman Tennyson stated if there are no additions or corrections to the meeting minutes he would accept a motion to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes as provided. The motion was made by Mr. Robert Teer and seconded by Mayor Chuck Travis. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. TRIANGLE EXPRESSWAY PROJECT UPDATE - OPERATIONS - ANDY LELEWSKI, P.E.	
	Mr. Andy Lelewski introduced the Mainline Traffic Statistics noting the overall growth rate has been 10-21% with over 5,000 vehicles. The Roadway Maintenance Statistics have an overall grade of 93.4. Chairman Tennyson asked why the Traffic Control Devices decreased to 90.5. Mr. Lelewski answered that it was due to signing issues; there was some damage to the signs. Mr. Teer questioned if this would lead to a work order with NCDOT. Mr. Lelewski explained that Jason Holmes, a division employee, would be working with Mr. John Stansberry, the Roadside Operations Manager. Mr. Stansberry and Mr. Dennis Jernigan will develop a plan. Mr. Stansberry will work with Mr. Holmes to see what needs to repaired. Mr. Teer questioned where the money comes from to make these repairs. Mr. Memory explained that such repairs are included in the NCTA budget
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Mr. Lelewski announced that NCTA was 11% over projections for the first quarter of FY 17 and over four million for the first time in August 2016. New NC Quik Pass accounts are up 24% over last year and new transponders sold are up 25% from last year totaling over 247,000. He described the recent marketing efforts of the NCTA. New transponder enhancements were noted as well as the new Holiday Promotion. Mr. Teer asked if we could put E-Z Pass, SunPass and Peach Pass on the transponder to show we are interoperable with all. Mr. Lelewski replied that on the next order of hard case transponders, NCTA is planning to have the E-Z Pass logo printed on them. Mr. Memory agreed to look at the request. There is a concern about having enough space as more states are added and interoperability increases.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/ No action taken.

3. TRIANGLE EXPRESSWAY PROJECT UPDATE - FINANCE - DAVID ROY	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Mr. David Roy reported the Revenue Statistics for the first quarter of FY 17 noting that results have exceeded projections and continue to increase. Year to date revenue is up almost 18% and operating expenditures are 8.4 % lower than projected. Mr. Roy presented the toll rate schedule noting the next increase of 3.5% is scheduled for January 1, 2017. Chairman Tennyson asked when the ramp up period ends. Mr. Memory answered with 2022. Chairman Tennyson asked what the revenue would be as we end the ramp up period. Mr. Roy confirmed we are expected to meet projections by end of the ramp up period.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/ No action taken.

4. TRIANGLE EXPRESSWAY PROJECT UPDATE - ACCESS 540 CONSTRUCTION - DENNIS JERNIGAN, P.E.	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Dennis Jernigan announced that Old Holly Springs road will be renamed to Veridea Parkway. Mr. Jernigan displayed a visual tour of the construction and progression of the new interchange from both sides of the bridge. The visual tour demonstrated the timeline June through November. There was an issue with the smoothness of the road. It has been corrected with diamond grinding. Some shoulder widening will be done before opening. Mr. Memory added this has been done with little or no disruption to customers.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

5. Monroe Expressway Project Update – Finance – David Roy and Jim Calpin, BAML	
DISCUSSION	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit counsel met on November 16, 2016 to review and approve NCTA moving forward, however, official approval occurs when I the USDOT Secretary signs off. Via teleconference on November 17, 2016, TIFIA advisors indicated they were still working toward a mid-December 2016 close. The credit counsel approved; they are just waiting on the USDOT Secretary to sign off. Turnpike did receive confirmation that they will hold a special meeting on November 30- 2016 to take action on the Monroe Expressway. Timeline appears to continue for first week in December 2016 pricing and a second week in December 2016 closing, tentatively December 14- 2016. Mr. Jim Calpin provided a detailed Market Update (please see presentation) and detail of the pricing and closing schedule.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

6. Monroe Expressway – Construction – Rick Baucom, P.E.	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Rick Baucom gave an overview of the Monroe Expressway and provided an updated timeline towards completion. Mr. Baucom also provided updates and photos of current projects.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

7. Monroe Expressway Project Update – Operations – Andy Lelewski, P.E.	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Lelewski provided an update on the toll collection system for dates of the request for proposals, submission of proposals, and contract award and news changes in the back office. He also introduced the Wrong Way Driver Program which would provide real time information to the State Highway Patrol and allow real time notification to drivers. Mr. Lelewski also reported the new signage that will be displayed on the Monroe Expressway allowing for better clarification of toll rates.
	Mayor Travis complimented the Wrong Way Driver program and asked if it was in use on the Triangle Expressway. Mr. Lelewski answered by stating that the Triangle Expressway sends an email, therefore, it is not real time and must have a picture to notify authorities. Turnpike plans to retrofit Triangle Expressway if results prove optimal on the Monroe Expressway.
	Mayor Travis complimented the tolling signage and asked how it will be presented to the public. Mr. Lelewski reported that as it gets closer to open the Turnpike will get information out to the public and educate drivers.
	Mr. John Collett requested how much time is saved by using the bypass. Mr. Adam Aceto, with CDM Smith, answered with approximately 17 minutes. Mr. Collett followed by asking the cost for the trip. Mr. Lelewski answered with \$2.54 to \$3.94.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

8. I-77 Express Lanes Project Update – Public-Private Partnership Overview - Rodger Rochelle, P.E.	
	Mr. Rodger Rochelle introduced P3s and described how they are beneficial relationships. He continued by defining HOT Lanes, how they work and how they will work on the project. Mr. Rochelle detailed the design of I-77, key milestones and activities.
DISCUSSION	Mr. Wally McBride questioned when they anticipated federal backing authority to come back with approval on the toll rate. Mr. Tamargo advised that toll rates will be set 120 days before operation. Chairman Tennyson reinforced the difference between a managed lane and a toll road. Mr. Collett raised the question, how do you know if there are three people in the car. Mr. Rochelle said there is equipment being developed but right now it is visual. He also spoke about switchable transponders.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

9. I-77 Express Lane Project – Project Overview and Update – Javier Tamargo, I-77 Mobility Partners	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Javier Tamargo presented a project overview for I-77 and a construction update. Chairman Tennyson suggested they show I-485 crosses on their project overview map. Mr. Tamargo followed by showing upcoming construction, project improvements and segment openings.
	Chairman Tennyson stated he would like to make sure Turnpike is coherent and there are no misunderstandings with the public with regards to date of opening and toll rates.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Information only/No action taken.

10. ADJOURN	
DISCUSSION	Chairman Tennyson established the Operations Committee and offered Mr. Crawford, Mayor Travis, Mr. Irvin and Mr. Collett the opportunity to serve on the committee and to think about who they would like to elect as chairman.
	Chairman Tennyson opened the floor for new business. Mr. Memory offered directions for the following tour. Chairman Tennyson announced the next scheduled board meeting as February 2, 2017.
	Chairman Tennyson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Teer and second by Mr. Irvin. Motion carried unanimously
ACTIONS TAKEN	Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Teer and second by Mr. Irvin. Motion carried unanimously.